

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In re Application of:** Zengerle

**Docket No. :** SCH0097

**Serial No. :** 09/936,881

**Art Unit:** 1743

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**Examiner:** Brian Sines

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**Date:** June 2, 2004

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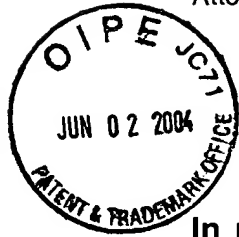
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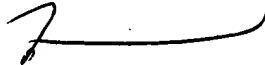
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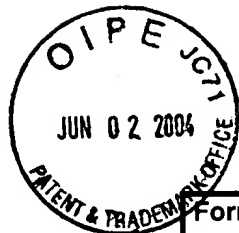
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